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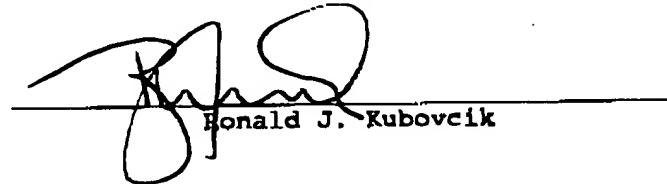
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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re the application of:****Timo Nils-Erik LÖVGREN et al.****Serial Number: 08/487,623****Group Art Unit: 1802****Filed: June 7, 1995****Examiner: C. Spiegel****For: BIOSPECIFIC ASSAY METHOD****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231****May 20, 1996****Sir:**

Prior to an Action on the merits of the United States patent application identified above, please amend the application as directed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:**Amend claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11 as shown below:**

1. (Amended Four Times) In a biospecific assay method comprising

- reacting microparticles coated with a bioaffinity reactant A which specifically binds an analyte to be assayed, a